GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:803
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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS AND PULSES ON FOREIGN SOIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to produce oilseeds and pulses on foreign soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study/survey was conducted by a Committee to explore possibilities of producing pulses in Myanmar;

(d) if so, details and outcome thereof;

(e) whether such production is proposed to be undertaken through private sector or joint venture;

(f) if so, the details thereof including the factor cost of production;

(g) whether any assessment has been made regarding its impact on indigenous farmers;

(h) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(i) the steps taken to safeguard the interest of indigenous farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Government is not considering any proposal to produce oilseeds on foreign soil.However, there is a proposal under consideration to facilitate private investment in oil palm cultivation in Myanmar.Dialogue for this have been initiated with Myanmar authorities.

(c) & (d): No Sir, does not arise.

(e) to
(i): The matter is under preliminary discussion only.